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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

1. FOR SOME TIME, I HAVE HAD REQUEST IN TO SEE DEPUTY PREMIER FOR PRODUCTION JALLUD TO TRY TO FIND OUT WHERE WE STAND ON POST-AID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. APPOINTMENT CAME THROUGH OCTOBER 23.

2. I OPENED BY DESCRIBING USG READINESS COOPERATE WITH LARG RE TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY IF LARG IS TRULY INTERESTED. EMPHASIZING LATTER POINT, I MADE CLEAR THAT WE HAD NO INTEREST IN TRYING TO FORCE ANYTHING ON LARG OR PRESS THEM AGAINST THEIR OWN VIEW OF THEIR OWN INTEREST. HOWEVER, IF ONLY FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHERE WE STAND. SPECIFICALLY, I REFERRED TO GEOLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL PROPOSALS WHICH LARG HAS HAD FOR SOME TIME, AND TO WHICH I OWED WASHINGTON ANSWERS.

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5. COMMENT: THIS WAS A MOST DISCOURAGING CONVERSATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW GREAT EFFORTS BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND HERE TO SEEK POSSIBLE BASIS FOR FRUITFUL COLLABORATION WITH LARG. I AM NOT SURE THAT JALLUD'S STANCE IS DEFINITIVE. IT COULD BE THAT HIS COMMENTS WERE MORE A FLASH REFLECTION OF HEAT OF HIS EMOTIONS RE MIDDLE EAST IMBROGLIO THAN A RATIONAL APPRAISAL OF LARG SELF-INTEREST WHICH I AM SURE HE APPRECIATES. HOWEVER, I CANNOT HOLD OUT MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF OUR EFFORTS TO ADD A NEW DIMENSION TO OUR ALREADY TENUOUS RELATIONSHIP. IN ANY EVENT, WE HAVE LITTLE CHOICE OTHER THAN TO STAND DOWN FOR PRESENT AND TRY TO WAIT OUT THE POLITICAL STORMS THAT LIE AHEAD BEFORE REVIVING OUR EFFORTS ON THIS FIELD. GP-3.
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